

FISCAL NOTE
SENATE BILL NO. 2294
LC# 25.1233.03000
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1 - State Fiscal Effect

Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.

	2023-2025 Biennium		2025-2027 Biennium		2027-2029 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues				\$(85,200)		\$(85,900)
Expenditures		\$22,200				
Appropriations						

2 - County, City, School District, and Township Fiscal Effect

Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.

	2023-2025 Biennium	2025-2027 Biennium	2027-2029 Biennium
Counties			
Cities			
School Districts			
Townships			

3 - Bill and Fiscal Impact Summary

Provide a brief summary of the measure, including description of the provisions having fiscal impact (limited to 300 characters).

The bill eliminates an in-person medical evaluation requirement, adds a cannabinoid edible product with purchase and possession limits, increases the expiration date for a patient card with a new fee, and allows nonresidents to obtain a card.

4 - Fiscal Impact Sections Detail

Identify and provide a brief description of the sections of the measure which have fiscal impact. Include any assumptions and comments relevant to the analysis.

Sections 1, 3, 4, and 5 add a cannabinoid edible product as a type of marijuana product available to qualifying patients under the Medical Marijuana Program including a purchase and possession limit. The addition of a product type requires programming changes to the information technology system used to track and monitor medical marijuana production/processing and dispensing.

Section 2 eliminates the requirement that an in-person, medical evaluation of a patient be completed by a health care provider. Allowing telehealth for qualifying patient applications may lead to an increase in applications received by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Sections 6 and 8 establish a new expiration date for qualifying patient's registry identification cards (i.e. medical marijuana cards). A new maximum fee is established (\$40) for a card that will be valid for two years. The new fee and two year expiration will lead to a decrease in application revenue.

Section 7 allows a nonresident to obtain a qualifying patient registry identification card. Allowing nonresidents to obtain a card will lead to an increase in applications received by DHHS.

5 - Revenues Detail

For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1 or 2, please explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.

The change in application fees will result in less application fee revenue while the anticipated increase in qualifying patient applications will increase application fees collected by DHHS. The net effect for the 2025-27 Biennium is anticipated to be approximately \$85,200 less collected in fees.

6 - Expenditures Detail

For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1 or 2, please explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.

Programming changes to the information technology system are estimated to be \$19,000. Costs associated with adopting rules are estimated to be \$3,200. Special funds derived from fees would pay for the expenses.

7 - Appropriations Detail

For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1 or 2, please explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency and fund affected. Explain the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations. Indicate whether the appropriation or a part of the appropriation is included in the executive budget or relates to a continuing appropriation.

The program operates under a continuing appropriation as established in NDCC. There is no impact to Appropriations.

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